GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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URBAN POPULATION LIVING IN SLUMS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently released a report according to which urban poverty is growing hand-in-hand with economy and growing urbanization;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that 23% of the urban population live in slums with no or insufficient hygiene, toilets, drinking water and sanitation facilities;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation;

(d) whether Government proposes to involve Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to improve the living standards of urban poor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFHOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. According to recent report of the Planning Commission based on National Sample Survey Organization (61st round) data, the number of urban poor living below poverty line in urban areas has gone up between 1993-94 and 2004-05.

(b): As per 2001 census report, the percentage of slum population to the total population of cities/towns reporting slums is 23.1%.

(c): Jwaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched in December, 2005 aims at improvement in housing and provision of civic amenities in slums. The basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme aims at providing housing and basic amenities to the poor in 63 Mission cities. similarly programmes in non-Mission cities are addressed hy Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP).

(d)&(e): Under programmes for capacity building for urban poverty alleviation, NGOs are involved by National Resource Centres on urban poverty and slums in capacity building of self helf groups, community organizations, civil society groups etc. in community development, gender development, strengthening the voice of the poor etc.